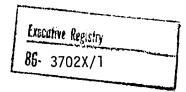
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: SIG on India, 15 August 1986

- 1. This was not an action SIG. The occasion for the meeting was the return of Ambassador Dean to Washington, but Mike Armacost took the occasion to review the various action items that were agreed upon at the SIG a year earlier. These included the outreach program to Gandhi, encouragement of US businessmen to invest in India, greater contacts between US military and Indian defense organizations, and the intention to speed up applications for licensing co-producing items and import of military equipment.
- There seems to be some progress in all of the areas except the last, and there tended to be much discussion on how to speed up the licensing process. Ambassador Dean's presentation was more upbeat about the potential for improved US-Indian relations than his cable of July indicated. I got the impression it was more atmospherics than the substance of our relationship. We had no actions and basically little intelligence input into the meeting.

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